

At first these blessings were like a small stream flowing amongst the people of Israel. But, like the stream ever broadening and deepening, they were to come at last to all the peoples in the world; and just as the dream river made the desert to bring forth fruit, so God Himself, through the blessed Holy Spirit, would make hearts everywhere pure and sweet, and lives full of the fruit of good deeds.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who came to Ezekiel in a dream?
2. What building did the angel show Ezekiel?
3. What was flowing from the door?
4. How large was the stream at first?
5. To what size did it grow in the end?
6. What did Ezekiel see growing on the banks?
7. How did the stream change the desert?
8. What did the stream do to the Dead Sea?
9. Why was this vision given Ezekiel?
10. Of what was the river a picture?
11. To whom alone did these blessings at first come?
12. To whom were they to come at last?
13. What would God do for hearts and lives everywhere?

Lesson Story

"Mother", said Francis, looking up from his book of Eastern pictures, "here's a funny looking man carrying a goat-skin bottle full of water through the streets, and people are paying money for it—just fancy! And under the picture it says, 'The Gift of God'." "That's because it is so precious, Francis", said his mother. "In the East water is not so easily got as with us, and in these hot countries the people would often die of thirst without the water carrier." "Why", said Francis, "only last Sunday Miss Martin

said that we should go to Jesus for help just as a thirsty man seeks for water sometimes to save his life. Now I know better what she meant."

Lesson Hymn

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down, and drink, and live!'
Amen.

—Hymn 138, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day THAT I SHOULD BEAR FRUIT

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—50. What happened at the end of forty days? After forty days Jesus went up to heaven. 51. What is Jesus now doing for us in heaven? He intercedes for us, and He rules over all things for our good.

SHORTER CATECHISM—102. What do we pray for in the second petition? A. In the second petition (which is, *Thy kingdom come*) we pray, That Satan's kingdom may be destroyed; and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced, ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it; and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.

The Question on Missions

2. What organized effort is made to safeguard the Sabbath? The Lord's Day Alliance, organized at Toronto in 1895 for Ontario, and at Hamilton for Canada in 1902, has secured the Lord's Day Act for Canada, and seeks to secure its observance so as to preserve the Sabbath rest.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Color the drawing, and think of all the blessings that God sends to us every day.

